

T/SGT Minoru Nakayama

1917 - 1945

Minoru Nakayama was born on February 27, 1917 in Alameda, CA. He was one of seven children.

Minoru was the first son in his family to enlist in July 1941. Brothers Tomio and Shigenobu enlisted in July and September 1944, while the rest of the Nakayama family was incarcerated at Topaz.

Minoru was badly wounded on April 14, 1944 in Italy while the 442nd RCT was breaking through the Gothic Line. He later died of his injuries on April 16, 1944.

NAKAYAMA DIES IN ITALY; PFC MORITA IS WOUNDED

One volunteer from Topaz was seriously wounded in action and another soldier died of fatal wounds, according to information received by their next of kin in this center. Technical Sergeant Minoru Nakayama died of wounds on April 16. PFC. Walton Morita was seriously injured on April 14. Both servicemen were attached



to the 442nd Japanese American infantry battalion which has been fighting in Northern Italy.

Sgt. Nakayama, 28, son of Mr. and Mrs. Nakayama of 37-1-AB, was injured last year and had been awarded the Purple Heart. A former resident of Alameda, he entered the army in 1942 and received his training at Ft. Lewis, Wash., and Camp Shelby, Miss. He went overseas in May, 1944. Two other Nakayama brothers are serving in the armed forces, Pvt. Tony in Italy and Pvt. Shig, training at Fort Bragg, N.C. The late soldier is also survived by two other brothers, Henry and Tak, and two sisters, Hanayo and Toyoko.

Eleanor Zimmerman, reports officer for the Chicago WRA office, arrived here yesterday to work with the local relocation office for the next 10 days.

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Pfc. Morita, 20, volunteered for the Japanese American combat team in February, 1943, and was inducted in October of the same year to receive his training at Camp Shelby. He went overseas in April, 1944. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Morita of 35-3-D, former residents of Oakland. The nisei soldier graduated Topaz high school in 1943.

